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Agenda item 1

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Russian Federation:^{*} draft resolution

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/8 of 1 November 1995,

"1. Decides, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists¹ set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:

"(a) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

"(b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

^{*} On behalf of the Group of Eastern European States.

¹ Reproduced in E/1998/L.1/Add.4, annex II.



“(c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

“(d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

“(e) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

“(f) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the pattern of rotation shall be as follows:

“(i) A State from list A is to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term out of four, starting from 1 January 2000;

“(ii) A State from list B is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the second term out of four, starting from 1 January 2003;

“(iii) A State from list C is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the fourth term out of four, starting from 1 January 2009;

“2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect one member from the States included in list E for a term of three years beginning on 1 January 2000;

“3. *Decides* that from 1 January 2012, after the expiration of the full rotation cycle stipulated in paragraph 1 (f) above, the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 30 and other relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162;

“4. *Decides further* that, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.”



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Draft decisions submitted by the Acting President of the Economic and Social Council on the basis of informal consultations

Draft decision I

**Theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the 1999
substantive session of the Economic and Social Council**

The Economic and Social Council decides that the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of its 1999 substantive session will be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Poverty eradication and capacity-building".

Draft decision II

**Issue of the review of the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World
Food Programme**

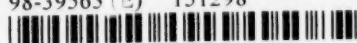
The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 50/8 of 1 November 1995 and Council decision 1998/285 of 31 July 1998, decides:

(a) To continue consideration of the issue of the review of the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World Food Programme at its organizational session for 1999 with a view to arriving at a recommendation to be submitted to the General Assembly;

(b) To postpone action on the draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme"¹ to its organizational session for 1999.

* E/1998/99

¹ E/1998/L.51



Draft decision III

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council, having considered General Assembly resolution 53/120 of 9 December 1998, decides:

(a) As an interim measure, and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 53 of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, to invite those non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to attend the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including those parts of the sessions in which the Commission acts as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly, to be entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"² and to be held in June 2000, provided that they have started the process of applying for consultative status in accordance with Council decisions 1996/315 of 14 November 1996 and 1997/298 of 23 July 1997;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to the provisions of the present decision and to the process established under Council resolution 1996/31.

Draft decision IV

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, in the absence of any additional information received from the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, decides that the existing arrangements for that Committee shall continue.

² See General Assembly resolution 53/120.

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The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987, 45/138 of 14 December 1990, 48/115 of 20 December 1993, 49/171 of 23 December 1994, 50/228 of 7 June 1996 and 51/72 of 12 December 1998, in which it provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee, takes note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee contained in the annex to the note verbale dated 13 August 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General¹ and recommends that the Assembly take a decision at its fifty-third session on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from fifty-four to fifty-five.

¹ E/1998/97.

